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Separate State For Karens Probable

London, Apr. 6.—Authoritative Burmese sources said today's reports from Rangoon indicated that the Prime Minister, Thakin Nu, was prepared to concede a separate state to the formerly rebel Karens.

The sources said such a new Karen state would probably include all areas where Karens formed the majority of the population. Reports indicated that Thakin Nu had extended an amnesty to all Karen rebels in Insein and other parts of Burma.

Burmese quarters said such a concession would be a "reasonable basis for settlement." They pointed out the Karens were the minority among the population and acceptance of the principle of a separate Karen state might be the prelude to settlement with other non-Burmese races such as the Kachins, Chins and Shans, who had contributed to the drift towards disorder throughout the country.

"VERY CONSERVATIVE"

One informed source here said the Karens were "very conservative and anti-Communist" and their promise of co-operation would greatly strengthen the Burmese government's fight with Communist elements.

"A gulf between the Karens and the Burmese would have made orderly rule impossible," added the source, "but with settlement, the Kachins, Chins and Shans should now rally to the Burma Union and make the federal constitution a solid barrier against Communism."

Burmese quarters said the fight now would be against the White Band and Red Band factions of the People's Volunteer Organisation, who still hold much of the Irrawaddy Valley as chief opponents of the government. Burmese sources would not speculate as to the ultimate outcome in Burma, but it was understood they envisaged eventual settlement with PVO factions through the widening of the "left front" in the government, with the Karens administering their own affairs in a separate, autonomous state.—United Press.

Austerity Plus



Here is a typical study of Sir Stafford Cripps, who yesterday introduced an "austerity plus" budget to the nation.

Japan's Four Billion War Damage Loss

Tokyo, Apr. 6.—Japan lost \$1,244,000,000 worth of civilian property, which was one-fourth of the total national wealth, during the war, according to estimates made public today by the Economic Stabilisation Board which has just completed a two-year survey of war damage.

The estimates were based on official prices of commodities prevailing at the end of 1948, and officials said it would cost a great deal more if the lost properties were to be replaced at current prices.

In addition, Japan lost \$2,000,000,000 in war vessels and aircraft, and about the same amount in battle weapons, as well as 1,855,000 human lives.

The biggest item in civilian war damage was for destroyed or damaged buildings, which numbered 2,301,000 including 695,000 in the Tokyo area alone.—United Press.

BRITISH BUDGET SHOCKS

Meat, Cheese, Butter To Cost More

NO TAXATION RELIEF

London, Apr. 6.—In his Budget speech in the House of Commons tonight, Sir Stafford Cripps, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced a reduction of the duty on tea by 6d. all round and on sugar by 1½d. all round. The price to manufacturers and the public would remain unaltered.

Food prices would be raised: cheese 4d. a pound; meat 4d. a pound; margarine 1d. a pound; butter 2d. per pound. These increases would be arranged with the Food Minister at an early date.

There would be appropriate reductions in the duties of molasses and glucose.

The result of reducing the duty on tea by 6d. a pound and on sugar by 1½d. a pound would be to reduce the subsidy required to maintain existing prices by £11 million for tea and £22 million for sugar. The changes in the price of meat, margarine and butter, together with the change in the import duties for tea and sugar meant that the subsidies should not exceed £465 million in the current year.

NO CONCESSION

Sir Stafford disappointed all those who hoped for a concession on purchase tax—30 percent to 125 percent of whole-sale prices levied on many articles in the semi-luxury class, "no change," he said.

He dismissed expectations of income tax reductions by the brief statement that he could see no room for any substantial downward-grading of taxation.

The Chancellor announced no change in tobacco tax, but said, "We are working on the basis of a four percent increase of consumption for which the necessary supplies of tobacco will be made available."

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IMMEDIATE EFFECT

He indicated that the reduction in beer and wine duties and the increase in the duty on matches would take effect immediately.

He gave no date for the operation of the lower tea and sugar duties. Food price increases would be introduced at an "early date" in consultation with the Food Minister.

Sir Stafford preceded his taxation announcements with an economic survey.

Speaking about the stabilisation of prices and wages, he said that retail prices had risen only one point and wages three points during the last year.

"These results, placed against a background of full employment and moderate de-inflation, are highly satisfactory and certainly denote that the heavy pressure of inflation has been easing off," he said.

The total of the national debt outstanding at March 31, 1949, was £26,168 million, a fall of £453,000,000 since March 31, 1948.

The debt had never before been redeemed on anything like such a scale, he said.

Britain had achieved a balance between national income and national expenditure on current consumption and investment and the resulting situation was "far healthier than it was 12 months ago."

"Our task this year will be to maintain that good health," Sir Stafford added.

"Quite impossible" Neither revenue nor expenditure had turned out according to plan—far from it.

Expenditure had exceeded the original estimate by £200,000,000, but total revenue at £4,007

DEFICIT REDUCED

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British Consul Transferred

London, Apr. 6.—The British Government has, at the request of the Spanish Government, transferred Mr. Thomas Bates from the British Consulate at Las Palmas, in the Canary Islands.

Mr. Christopher Mayhew, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, told the House of Commons today that the Government did not admit the Spanish allegations that Mr. Bates had indulged in hostile activities were justified, but it did not seem that Mr. Bates would now be able to carry out his duties satisfactorily in a Spanish post.

He had been withdrawn under protest, and another British official sent to the post.—Reuter.

DUEL ALIBI

Montevideo, Apr. 6.—The Defence Minister, Francisco Froiz, and Representative Antonio Amoroso fought a pistol duel today as a result of an exchange of insults in a Congressional debate last week.

The men exchanged two shots, both of which missed, and their seconds declared that the honour of the adversaries was vindicated.—United Press.

Most Courageous Budget Ever Produced

London, Apr. 6.—While fifty million Britons were a little stunned tonight by the "puritan" budget of Sir Stafford Cripps, thoughtful economists hailed it as one of the most courageous ever produced by the Finance Minister of any country.

Few people expected any concessions, but most had been optimistic that the Chancellor would lighten the taxpayers' burden a little by reducing sales tax and perhaps taking a little off the price of cigarettes. The news that meat, cheese, butter and other foodstuffs would be raised produced long faces, especially among women.

The few concessions actually made brought little enthusiasm. Beer drinkers—slow drinking less, to the dismay of the brewers—felt that only one penny off each pint of beer would make little difference to their pockets. Telephone users were particularly loud in their complaints about the increased bills now facing them. Many were heard threatening to ask the Post Office to remove their instruments.

Evening newspapers splashed such headlines as "Shopping Bill Goes Up" and "Beer Down—Food Up" across their front pages.—Reuter.

WE ARE SURE HE IS WRONG, BUT NOSTRADAMUS PROPHECIES—

War Will Break Out On Sunday

Frankfurt, Apr. 6.—According to one interpretation of the writings of a 16th Century French prognosticator, war will break out on Sunday and last four months, ending in victory for the West.

The German astrologist, Johannes Lang, who is a disciple of astrologist Nostradamus, said the predictions call for an outbreak in Greece. Nostradamus writings, generally vague and oblique to casual readers, contain infallible predictions when properly interpreted, according to his modern disciples.

Lang, who has devoted much of his life to interpreting the work of Nostradamus, said that Nostradamus also forecast the failure of the Atlantic pact but offered a comforting prediction that the world would "be renewed after this war and a complete new era will begin."

Lang said the verse-like notes of the Lyon physician who published his predictions under the title "Centuries" said that fighting which begins in Greece, will grow into a full scale conflict by April 17th or 21st.

The prophet described the third world war, like this, according to Lang: "It starts in Greece on April 10th, 1949. A week or 10 days later a 'great dictator' will attack Western Germany and push his troops through Holland, Belgium and Northern France to the Atlantic. Another column will head for the Pyrenees.—United Press.

And If It Should—

London, Apr. 6.—The five Brussels allies begin talks tomorrow (Thursday) to dovetail their arms and defence strategy into the 12 nation Atlantic Pact.

Chiefs of Staff of the Brussels powers have already laid it down that if war comes to Europe, they will jointly defend a front running from the Dutch sea coast to the Swiss Alps.

That line is certain to be extended now from where Norway touches Russia in North Europe to Italy's Southernmost tip.

The sources said the talks will take place at The Hague and apart from the British, French, Belgian, Dutch and Luxembourg Defence Ministers each country's three Chiefs of Staff are expected to attend.

Responsible diplomats said they will consider the shape they think the Atlantic Pact defence organisation should take.

This organisation is to be created by the Foreign Ministers of the 12 signatory nations after the Pact has been ratified.

5-TIER ORGANISATION

Expectation in London is that the Brussels powers will recommend that the Atlantic Defence Organisation should correspond with their own five-tier organisation which comprises:

1.—A Committee of Defence Ministers which lays down policy and approves recommendations, all on a basis of unanimous voting.

2.—A Chiefs of Staff Committee which is responsible for strategic and operational planning.

3.—A Supply and Resources Board which studies availability of arms, equipment, raw materials, production and arms standardisation.

4.—A permanent Military Committee which goes into the state of each country's armaments, its manpower resources, fitted with artificial limbs and

Commos Want KMT Armies To Surrender

Nanking, Apr. 7.—The Peiping Communist Radio heard here last night demanded the "complete surrender" of the Kuomintang armies as a prerequisite to the achievement of peace.

The only outlet for news about the negotiations, now under way in Peiping for the cessation of the Chinese civil war, the Radio, in a broadcast which was apparently in continuation of its war of nerves, said: "In the past we had demanded a peace settlement on Mr. Mao Tse-tung's terms. The Kuomintang have rejected it. Now we allow the Kuomintang to talk peace on the eight terms and they want an honourable settlement on equal terms."

"There is only one way to peace and that is complete surrender to the people."

The Radio dismissed the possibility of a compromise. "At this point it declared, 'there is no room for compromise.'"

A LAST CHANCE

On the question of surrender—which some quarters believe is now being demanded in Peiping—the Radio had this to say: "Surrender is beneficial to the people and the country." It then went on to declare: "We are giving you a last chance to render meritorious services to redeem your guilt."

Addressing itself to Kuomintang members, the Radio, explaining the term "meritorious services," said it described "some act that benefits the liberation of the people."

This broadcast, made on the eve of a week since the departure of the Nationalist delegation to Peiping to discuss peace, came as authoritative sources close to Ailing President Li Tsung-jen confirmed to Reuters that the Reds in Peiping had agreed to a cease-fire during the present discussions. A thorough check by Reuters failed to find the highest official source in the Chinese Government who was quoted by one report as denying that any understanding on a cease-fire had been obtained.—Reuter.

NANKING RUMOUR

Nanking 6.—Rumours persist here that the Communists have delivered an ultimatum to the Government to establish a joint committee in Nanking before Saturday to take over the Nationalist government or the Communists will cross the River within 10 days.

These rumours came too late tonight for checking with responsible official sources for comment. Unofficial, qualified quarters, however, believe that it is most unlikely.

The rumours said that the Communists suggested that Mao Tse-tung be the chairman and Li Tsung-jen the vice-chairman, and it was also alleged that government officials informed foreign diplomatic corps of the Communist ultimatum.—United Press.

18-Month-Old Boy Wears Artificial Limb

Birmingham, Apr. 6.—The Ministry of Pensions recently fitted an artificial leg to an 18 months' boy—the youngest in medical history to be fitted—Mr. C. J. Simmons, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Pensions, disclosed when visiting pensions establishments in the Midlands today.

He said that he could not disclose the name of the boy, who lost his leg in a road accident.

Mr. Simmons also said that of 1,500 cars to be provided by the Ministry for special amputation cases during the next two years, 163 had already been delivered.

He stated that in dealing with 700,000 war pensioners the Ministry was concentrating on the rehabilitation and treatment of pensioners as human beings.

Typical of this work was the case of a 28-year-old Birmingham man, who, after losing both arms and receiving eye and ear injuries, had been fitted with artificial limbs and

Campaign Against Potato Pest

London, Apr. 6.—A campaign in Western Europe against the Colorado beetle, the greatest pest to potato crops, has started, it was announced here today.

Dr. E. Wilkins, Chairman of the International Committee for combating the insect, said at the Ministry of Agriculture that the campaign would particularly affect France, Germany and the Low Countries.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

Reds' Pattern For Peace

THAT the China peace negotiations should become deadlocked before they have properly started is an unhappy omen: but if, as some reports contend, the reason for the breakdown is the Communists' reactions to the recent clash between students and soldiers in Nanking, the pretext is so flimsy as to cast grave suspicions on the good faith of Mao Tse-tung and his delegates. The Reds have issued a surrender ultimatum to the Nationalist Government, surely a most incongruous approach to round table peace talks, but nevertheless supporting a fairly widely-held view that the Communists have never seriously intended to conduct normal peace negotiations. Mao's conception of a peaceful settlement apparently is the pattern laid down in the surrender of Peiping—a unconditional capitulation cloaked by cleverly staged "peace negotiations," public repentance of his misdeeds in ever associating with the Nationalists by General Fu Tso-yl, dispersal and absorption into the Communist armies of Nationalist troops, and Red occupation and control of key cities. Fu Tso-yl capitulated in the North under these conditions and Mao has since held his actions up to the Nanking leaders as the criterion for "successful" peace negotiations, and there are certain significant signs which suggest that the Communists intend to adopt the same technique in dealing with the Nanking regime. Moreover, it may succeed. It is fairly certain that if the Communists so desire they can overrun the Yangtze and invest Nanking, Shanghai and

Hankow. Their military power has been brilliantly exploited in the north and there is nothing to suggest they can be prevented from scoring decisive victories further south. There still remains, however, the political implications. Further military defeats may force the Nationalists into submission, but the Communists' achievement would be a hollow one if they are unprepared to take over the full responsibilities of government. There are brains and ability within the Nationalist ranks which could help to make the administrative tasks of the Communists much easier, but it is doubtful whether these would be available under duress. Mao Tse-tung has many trumps stacked in his hand, but not all of them, and the hand now calls for shrewd playing, not obvious bluff. Eventual domination by the Reds of a national Cabinet is generally accepted as inevitable, but if this be the product of a tout de force it may suffer both in prestige and effectiveness. The Nationalists have shown they are prepared to meet any reasonable conditions which will not only bring peace to the country, but offer a chance of national economic recovery. But they are likely to resist humiliating surrender terms, which must have one result—spreading of the war to the Yangtze cities and the continued dislocation of the country's economy. Mao Tse-tung today has the opportunity of scoring a political victory as decisive as any he has gained in the field, but not by threats of further military action and the presentation of surrender ultimatums.

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THE WOODEN HORSE

BY
ERIC WILLIAMS

Two British officers, thinking of a way to escape from the notorious Stalag-Luft III, hit on the classical brainwave of the Trojan horse. Adapting the idea, they built a vaulting-horse, which the prisoners carried out each day in full view of the guards. As the prisoners lined up to practise vaulting, inside the horse a man crouched hopefully to dig a 100 ft. long road to freedom.

Eric Williams was awarded the M.C. for his exploit. His story of the bold plan, with its difficulties and the constant fear of discovery; and, after escape, the harrowing adventures encountered in trying to get out of Germany, is the top best-seller of the season.

The Hongkong Telegraph has acquired the rights to publish the story in serial form.

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WOMANSENSE

EILEEN ASCROFT reports on the
new ideas in spring frocks

HOLIDAY TROUSSEAUX—IN FIVE PARTS

London.
EARLY spring sunshine has sent women to the shops in search of cotton frocks. They are finding the best styles that have ever been made in cotton.

New ideas for town and holiday frocks include holiday trousseaux in five parts with skirt, shorts, blouses, bra and jacket, two-faced dresses which can be worn back to front, poplin skirts with pleated bodices, or off-the-shoulder blouses in Broderie Anglaise, and cotton jersey "Separates," consisting of skirt, blouse and stole.

Designs include lace patterns, cowbeaked in white and pastel on dark backgrounds, pastel grounds over which ramble roses, cornflowers and lilies of the valley, and autumn leaf prints.

British cottons this year promise to be big dollar earners. When these models appeared in Stockholm shops the entire stock was sold within two days and Princess Sibylla herself bought five different frocks.



NEW HAT No. 1
Stitched satin model in burnt-sugar colour.



NEW HAT No. 2
Giant coiffe straw in Parma violet with satin drapes.



COTTON FROCK: It has received top orders at home and abroad.

New spring shades sponsored by British Colour Council are taken from land, sea and sky, include flame poppy, nebular grey and sea foam... nylon gloves take only 15 minutes to dry, can be worn in the morning, washed at lunchtime and worn again in the afternoon... mutton chop sleeves were introduced on a print day dress by Rosalind Gilbert.

Wedge-heeled wedding shoes in white satin hand-stitched with silver for £5... uncrushable suits in pastel double-twisted rayon for travelling by Matlin... charming pastel worsted suits with either straight or loose pleated skirts.

Talking of vegetables

SHOPPING recently in an open Paris market I was delighted by the attractive display of freshly scrubbed carrots, potatoes and other vegetables.

There is a lesson here for lazy British greengrocers who all too often serve you several ounces of soil when you buy vegetables. Greengrocers tend to blame the producer who sends his produce to market uncleaned.

Another shopping item which most mothers and wives would welcome is the practice of attaching a small mending skein of matching wool to knitted garments. A child's utility pullover in mauve and purple, had a neat skein of each wool attached to the neck—a great help for mending, especially when colours are difficult to match.

TOY MAKERS' PLAN TO GET THE DOLLARS

MANUFACTURERS, who received orders for exports worth several hundred thousand pounds at the Toy Fair at Birmingham, are planning to hold another fair at the end of August.

And a new drive is to be made to sell British toys on the other side of the Atlantic.

"We have plans for opening sales offices in the United States and Canada for marketing British toys," Mr. Arnold Harris, chairman of the Toy Fair Association, said.

"It is hoped that the first office will be opened this summer—with a view to getting a share of the Christmas trade in those countries."

Mr. Harris said that one doll manufacturer reported enough orders at the recent Birmingham Fair to keep his two factories going for a year with work for 500 people.

"Overseas orders were booked totalling hundreds of thousands of pounds and the goods ordered included tricycles, balloons, wooden toys, games, Christmas tree decorations, crackers, games, mechanical toys, plastic novelties and dolls."

French Translation



By ALICE ALDEN

David Westheim comes through with a new series for winter-to-spring wear, of which this is a good example. A delicate line pattern in brown, with an occasional fleur-de-lis in emerald green on a black ground makes up the colour scheme of this pure silk frock, adapted from Balenciaga. Short sleeves are formed by a caped cowl effect which continues over the shoulder to the waist, with the front of the cowl forming a soft bow.

Always on the Go? Leave Time out for Relaxation



A good way to relax and rest tired eyes at the same time is this: Soak pads of cotton in good-quality witch hazel, place them on your eyes.

By HELEN FOLLETT

THERE are women who need more work to do, more exercise. But the majority of women these days need more relaxation. They're galloping at too fast a pace, and the marks of fatigue are evident. Eyes look tired, facial muscles are tense, movements of the body quick and jerky. Physicians say that there are more cases of nervous exhaustion than ever before. Life is too rushed, too delicious. Give yourself a test. See if you can relax. Do a flop, close your eyes. Don't forget that if the body is to relax, the mind must be at peace. Tension of mind is reflected in tension of the muscles. Vast stores of energy, unnumbered calories, are used up with nothing to show for it but premature wrinkles, grey hair and lagging steps. Full, free breathing is restricted, physical poise is lacking. So rest yourself, now and then, dear lady. Give your energy motors an opportunity to be recharged.

When you're nervous and lumpy, drop everything, get out of doors. Or if that looks like too much of an effort, lie down on your bed and do stretching exercises. Stretch your arms above your head, extend the legs, even the toes. After each vigorous stretching, go limp as a rag. Relax completely. Take as you stretch, exhale as you relax. Turn on one side and stretch your legs diagonally as far as you can. After five minutes of body tensing and relaxing, relax your mind. It can be done. Lie on your back, arms at your sides. Take long, deep breaths, forcing the air out through your lips with a whistling sound. With each intake of air repeat in your mind the word "rest." You can do a little self-hypnotising this way.

That exercise is especially helpful to the worrier. The only way to get fretful thoughts out of your mind is to substitute hopeful ones. You can do that little thing by repeating a cheerful word over and over again. If you can't sleep, repeat the word "sleep." This plan often works like a miracle.

Another good way to relax, is to stretch out on the couch, place pads of cotton over your eyes that have been soaked in good-quality witch hazel.



WE had come to dessert, and the woman seated opposite me in the restaurant ordered a deep dish apple pie. She tasted it and smiled with appreciation. "I think I'll order some," I ventured, "it looks good."

"And it tastes good, too," she said. "This restaurant is one of the very few places where you can count on good apple pie. It's made of nice firm tart pie apples with plenty of sugar, and enough nutmeg so it makes its presence known. There's no flour or tapioca for thickening, either, and the crust is crisp and flaky, and it's served warm. I call this a first rate deep dish pie. And we're fussy about pies where I come from."

"New England?" I guessed.

"Right," she answered, "and Boston at that. Making apple pie is one of my specialties," she went on. "When I told the Chef about this incident I remarked: 'Apple pie is the most popular American dessert. It is a special favourite of the men. So I would like to give a tip to the brides and newly weds: Learn how to make good apple pie and your husband will call you his Darling Cherie.'"

"He will, if it's good," I laughed. "The bride might start with a good deep dish apple pie, as that's the easiest to make. And until she has had an opportunity to practise making piecrust, she'd better use a ready piecrust mix."

"And make the pie big," said the Chef; "most men like to have a second helping, or may be a piece of pie and a glass of milk for an evening snack."

Two-Crust Pie. "After the young baker has mastered a deep dish apple pie, she might make a two-crust pie," I went on. "This calls for greater care in using the oven as it should be very hot during the first ten minutes of baking to set the crust so the apple juice won't soak in. Then the heat should be lowered for 35 minutes to cook the apple through."

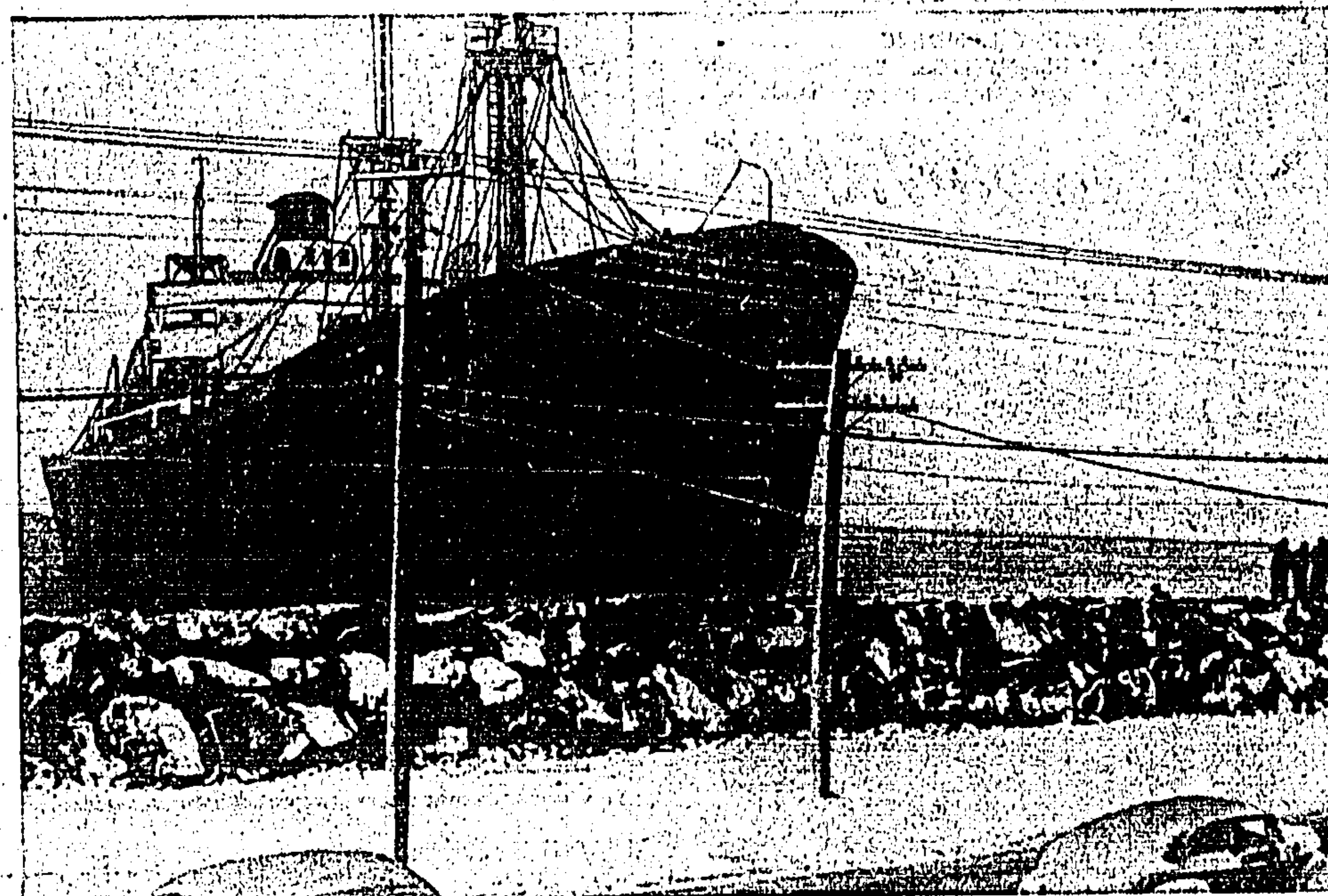
"For a very professional golden look it is good to brush the top crust before baking with a little egg yolk mixed with milk," suggested the Chef. "And I also like to dust over about a tablespoonful granulated sugar for a nice finish. An especially fine variation I use sometimes, is a combination of tart apples and ripe peaches."

Trick of the Chef. Cover the top of deep apple pie with coarse-grated sharp American cheese and place under the broiler until the cheese melts.

WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



ON THE RUN—Steel-helmeted police break up a Communist demonstration outside the Parliament building in Rome. The demonstration had been organised to protest against Italian participation in the North Atlantic Pact. Inside the building, Red deputies were staging a filibuster. Similar organised demonstrations took place throughout the entire country.



ALMOST AMPHIBIOUS—The freighter Christian Bergh lies helpless in two feet of water a few inches from the sea wall south of Ambrose Channel, near New York. The accident, in which none of the crew was injured, occurred during a recent snowstorm. The Coast Guard reported that there was no immediate danger of the ship's breaking up, and she was pulled to safety 11 hours later.



KEPT HIS WORD—Protesting against the conviction of Cardinal Mindszenty, Endre Sulyi resigned his clerical job in the Hungarian Consulate in Cleveland, Ohio, saying he would rather dig ditches than work for Hungary.



LOOKING AROUND—From the steps of New York's City Hall, a policeman points out a few landmarks to Ada Fishburn, of Spennymoor, England. Miss Fishburn has exchanged jobs for two months with Mary Uglianitz of Bayonne, New Jersey.



CIRCUS TIME—With the approach of spring, the big top gets ready to travel. Here Ickes, the still-walking chimp, is put through his paces by Madame Fife at the winter quarters of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Circus in Florida.



VATICAN'S OWN—Reluctant to rely on outside scientific information, the Vatican has its own observatory at Castelgandolfo, Italy. Here a priest removes a photo plate after a night exposure.



AT LAST—Shoppers inspect point-free underwear in one of London's largest department stores after the long-awaited lifting of clothes rationing.



PASSPORT, PLEASE—Screen star Myrna Loy produces her passport for inspection on arrival in Milan, Italy. She was heading for the Italian Riviera for a rest, after an appendectomy in London, where she was making a new film.

JOAN BLONDELL,

glamorous star says, "Pink lipstick's the Hollywood craze and 'Pink Queen' is the perfect pink."



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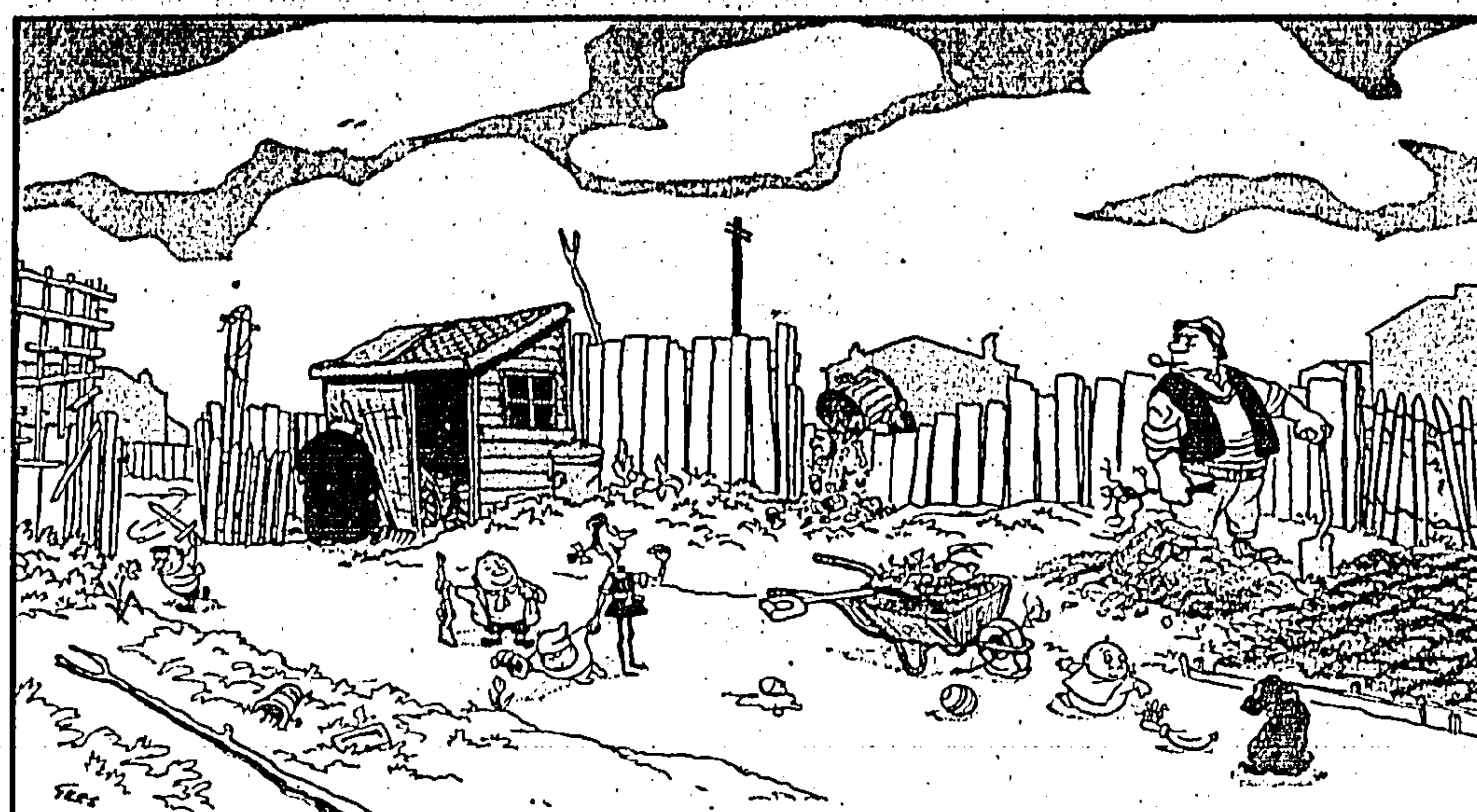
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"Dad, will you write a letter to the papers? Fred's just heard the first cuckoo—and GOT it!"

How can these wives stay proud?

by **HAROLD BRETT**

who is touring Britain to investigate the real home needs of the people. His first report gives no reason for cheering—but it points a moral which could gladden the people in search of somewhere to live.

WHEN a broken pledge means a broken heart, there is cause for anger. I write in anger now because I have seen the Heartbreak Houses which inflict far better than statistics the men who promised homes to the homeless.

Mr Ernest Bevin was right in 1945 when he said we needed to build four to five million new houses and pull down any amount of wretched slum property "in very quick time."

Mr Charles Key, with his great experience of housing, was right in 1946 when he set a target of 600,000 new homes a year.

But in the spring sunshine of 1949 I have seen how wrong they were in thinking that Mr Aneurin Bevan would do the building.

At Norwich the need for homes is 3,000 greater than it was in 1945. At Birmingham, where 10,000 houses were totally destroyed by bombing, only 9,980 homes of any kind have so far been provided. At Bristol the demand for houses increases by 100 a week.

Homes put up at jog-trot rate

BRITAIN has built 441,000 permanent homes since 1945—and the rate is a jog-trot of 220,000 a year. Compare this figure with the hopes, and remember that hardly a house in the slums has been touched—except by bombs—since 1939. Many thousands of workers who lived there have been moved out to remote estates, where late the cows grazed and the corn grew. London shoots them out like rockets into the surrounding counties with the promise of shops and pubs to follow.

Good houses, wide spaces, "village greens" (where the children have not tramped them bare), curved streets to break up the length of miles and miles of new roads. The architects are pleased with their work.

But the local treasurers count the loss on every house built, see a new rent collector on the salary roll for every 600 houses, and grow anxious.

Families live in ex-Army huts

WHAT the tenants think cannot be judged from a few rent strikes. We shall not know until they have the chance of moving to an address of their own choice. If they do, then it will be because they think rent, rates, and bus fare too high, or the prices in planned shopping centres too high.

For the moment the alternative before them is a home with a shared kitchen, a squatters' hut, or a rest centre.

I have toured some of the squatters' camps, and seen some of the 20,000 families living in ex-Army huts in Britain. I have talked to families in rest centres. I took my wife with me because women are quicker to assess what it is like to stay at home most of the day.

In London alone there are still about 570 homeless families in rest centres. They live in a room or a partitioned part of a room until a house can be found for them. Their average stay is about a year.

I talked with about a dozen of them. All the menfolk and some of the women have jobs. They could afford the rent for a house—if they could get one. For one room and their keep in a rest centre a family of four has to pay £3 13s. 6d. a week.

One man I met was a railway guard, one of Britain's officials, with authority over 500 people at a time on his train. Off duty, an inspector calls on him to see that he and his wife are keeping the room straight.

It's a waste of house pride

SQUATTING with his wife and two children in a hut at Leicester was the driver of one of the big machines that help to grab open-cast coal. He is well paid, proud of his job and of his skill as an engineer.

It is incredible that a good workman of that type should not have a real home to show you.

How about the women? Plenty of house pride is going to waste in the Nissen huts I saw in the Midlands. One of them was half a hut, 20ft. by 10ft., sub-divided with partitions and curtains into six miniature rooms. Just space for a bed and the bicycle in the second bed-room.

The rent: 10s. a week—and a shilling-in-the-slot electric meter.

But the Army stove in the centre is now black and shining

as it never was in the days when the soldiers used it, the sideboard was polished, and the wooden threshold of the door was whitened just like a real doorstep.

And there were well-brushed mats and carpeting—piled on the stone floor "to keep rheumatism out of the feet."

Sharing a kitchen means friction

HOW did these people come to be homeless? Well, some had arrived from other towns and found that as strangers their place was at the bottom of the waiting list.

But nearly all had tried living with friends and relatives, and had been defeated by the friction of life in a shared kitchen. After a year in a squatter camp they are finding other causes of friction.

One family at the Leicester camp had moved its dustbin a yard or so away from the door. It is now right in front of the door of the hut opposite, and the dust blows inside. There is going to be a row up there before long, if I am any judge of the looks in women's eyes.

It is wrong—wrong and unfair that the good, solid, ordinary folk of Britain, should be living under this strain.

It is wrong—wrong and unjust that the biggest and most eager class of home-seekers should have no place on the waiting-lists at all.

Newly-weds do not count

LAST year there were 450,000 marriages in Britain—900,000 newly-weds. For months and years they have been thinking and talking homes, but in the official reckoning of homes needed they do not count.

The lists are full and overflowing with the big families.

Before newcomers can be on the "points" schemes they must first get married and become a "childless couple." If they want to pile up points they must have children in rooms, have violent quarrels with their parents, or endure tuberculosis among their children.

Those are the qualifications which help families climb the housing ladder in 1949.

More men are in building

BUT surely that was the cue when Mr Bevan, who took over today he has more men in the building industry than before the war. He has the means to shift that dustbin from the hut door. He can give every woman in a hut a real step to whiten this year.

The local councils cannot do it, but the builders can.

CARIBBEAN ISLANDERS GET A £20,000 LECTURE FROM BRITAIN

rhythm in their bones—but that's not music

by **JAMES LEASOR**

Kingston. THE British Council is spending £20,000 a year in Jamaica giving lectures on the appreciation of art, and recorded recitals of madrigals and virginal music. But most of the people in this lovely land can neither read nor write.

Of the 1,260,000 in Jamaica only 5,600 are registered readers of the libraries to which the British Council has promised to give £7,000 a year for the next ten years.

In his first-floor office in Kingston, grey-haired Martin Blake, former schoolmaster, and chief of the Council here, told me of his travelling art exhibitions.

Sets of 20 paintings are sent out on tour. They are hung on the walls of any village school that has wall space to spare. Then, after ten days or a fortnight, they are taken down and moved on to their next resting place.

He did not mention the average conditions in these village schools. Children are packed in often 100 to a class. They have all their time fully absorbed in trying to pick up the rudiments of reading and writing.

To one audience of school children, aged about 12, the British Council art officer lectured on "Why Art?" To another school, he spoke on the "Technique and Appreciation of Art."

BOOKS

WHAT sort of books can the 5,600 registered readers take home from the libraries to browse over? Mostly, they are paper-backed novels, and a small spattering of semi-technical books on motor engineering and dress-making. Alec Bryant, the chief librarian controls his 40,000 books from his headquarters in a dilapidated old house next door to a church.

Some of the earlier books that were sent out from England last year, when the libraries were being formed, were quite unsuitable. One, for instance, was "The English Abigail," an account of the social life of English domestic servants through the ages. Others were books on architecture, on the British country side, and the history of the English inn.

These were intended for a country where illiteracy has such a grip that voters in elections cannot read posters. They follow the signs of the candidates—goats, rams, sheep, bulls—and vote for them instead.

BRITISH Council films eat up more money. The so-called Central Film Organisation has 670 films, with three projectors to screen them.

But the films are not all well chosen. The British taxpayer treats his Jamaican cousins to some curious pictures. Villagers who spend their days hanging live chickens to gullible American tourists are shown "Looking at Birds." Simple folk living in the shacks high up in the Blue Mountains are shown "Tennis—how to improve your Game."

People whose homes are in the lonely places of Jamaica tramp miles barefoot to see in some village hall, "Washing-time at the Zoo."

Then there is music. The Jamaicans have a vital musical culture of their own. But the British Council feels that they lack "musical appreciation." So the music officer, Scots-born Thomas Murray gives talks on the great Continental composers.

Says he: "The people are musical so long as the music is rhythmic. But not when it comes to music as an art. It would be hard to stage an opera here, or a chamber music recital."

Two £300 British Council scholarships go to Jamaicans this year. One man, 29-year-old Noel Vaz, has just returned here after spending two years at London's Old Vic Theatrical School. Now the British Council pays him his salary as a producer. So far, he has produced one Christmas pantomime, "Beauty and the Beast." He hopes to stage Shakespeare's "The Tempest" in the open air next month.

However good this production may be, only a very few will see it and far fewer will understand it. For it is far above the heads of the ordinary people.

INDUSTRY

JAMAICA needs the fundamentals of learning before she is ready for these cultural frills. She needs more teachers, more text books, more school-rooms.

Too many boys and girls leave school at 14 and drift into dead-end occupations such as hotel boys or waitresses in drive-in cafes.

To talk to such children about Renold or Vladimir, or Van Gogh before they can read and write, add and subtract, is madness. Jamaica is developing as a great producer of sugar, bananas and tomatoes. Her recently acquired tourist industry is thriving and growing. Ahead, the years are rich with promise.

To pump highbrow art into the island now is as ridiculous as feeding adolescents on champagne and caviare. And the results are just as lamentable.

—VINCENT EVANS.

RED SCARE RISES IN THE U.S.

THE United States is in the middle of one of the most intensive anti-Red scares known since the last war began.

Every man, woman, and child with the exception of certain official delegates—admitted into the country now has to satisfy the immigration authorities. THAT they are not Communists, THAT they have not got Communist connections, and THAT they are not likely to pick up Communist connections once they get into the United States.

Every Government department is being investigated for people who are thought to have any connection with Communist agents.

Elsewhere the F.B.I. is working on clues about people who have entered the country in the past two years.

The immigration authorities say that in the past 18 months 500 people from Iron Curtain countries have entered the United States under diplomatic privilege.

They have been absorbed into the United Nations Organization and foreign embassies in Washington.

Many of them are genuine diplomatic representatives, but senior immigration officials now take the view that any person coming here officially, from an Iron Curtain country at least, is likely to be a spy.

As part of the general probe, schools and colleges are coming under close scrutiny. The Un-American Activities Committee, which President Truman tried to kill after last year's scare, now has agents all over the country.

They have demanded that the Department of Justice in

Washington shall make public its dossier on its own employees.

They have asked that every-one working on atomic research shall be put through an even closer screen now.

But the committee is still not satisfied. One result is that every American atomic plant is now surrounded by security regulations which would leave a thriller story standing cold.

To get into one now you would have to pass an armed guard, then a security check, then have your progress registered by an electric eye, and lastly you would have to pass through a final security check in the department you wished to enter.

There is a good reason for this. Despite all regulations and checks, more than 10,000 displaced persons who have entered the country have been

completely lost since they came here. Nearly all of them came from countries where Russia is now in control.

A story has been going round Washington that New York has got nothing on the nation's capital in wire-tapping.

The F.B.I. denies vigorously that it uses telephone-tapping in any except extreme cases, but the fact that it admits using it at all has started rumour stories that it has got its eyes on officials suspected to be un-American.

But rumours and scares are to be expected in a country which regards as subversive anyone who is known to come from the wrong side of the Iron Curtain—or who is known to have had a conversation with the wrong sort of political persons.

—VINCENT EVANS.

NANCY

Up and Over

By Ernie Bushmiller



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COLONY BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS

By "SIDELINER"

C. K. LEE DETHRONES TAY

Miss Ulian Khoo Wins Ladies' Singles

In a faultless display, C. K. Lee of the University, dethroned the holder of the Badminton Singles title, Robert Tay, with comparative ease by a score of 15-11, 15-7, in the final of the Open Singles played at the Kowloon Cricket Club last night.

Revealing superior court strategy and fine positional play which allowed him all the time in the world to return all volleys, Lee proved that his semi-final win over W. F. Foo was no mere 'flash in the pan'.

Tay made many costly errors last night but undoubtedly he met his Waterloo at the hands of the young left-hander.

Adopting the tactics of playing to Lee's backhand right from the start, Tay found himself trailing 2-7 through Lee taking most of the volleys on his forehand and putting them away for winners with tremendous overhead smashes.

Lee's coverage of the court seemed to curve away from was so fast that never once was he caught out of position and more often than not, Tay's drooping forehand was the net to catch the defending champion off balance.

With the score 12-6 against him, Tay began to force the play and his strokes began with a drop to the right court lobbing the return to the right back corner and then dropping the return to the right court again.

His strokes were on this pattern throughout most of this period, interspersed with an occasional smash.

He brought the score to 12-11 but Lee then won the game with several terrific smashes which

seemed to pull himself up and by forceful play drew level, but then lost many points on his own mistimed smashes and drops.

Lee, played confidently and any loose shots which came over were severely punished. Tay won two more points before Lee won the game and match with Tay presenting him the winning points with two smashes, one long and the other netted.

Miss Khoo's Match-Winning Mood

Miss Ulian Khoo proved to be in match-winning mood last evening when she took the Colony Ladies' Singles title by defeating Miss Marie Ribeiro 11-6, 9-12, 11-3.

The first game found both ladies starting off in grand style with Miss Khoo relying on placements to force winners while Miss Ribeiro used more powerful strokes. Miss Khoo with her accurate placements forced Miss Ribeiro on the defensive and won the first game 11-6.

The second saw Miss Khoo leading 1-1. She was the faster of the two but Miss Ribeiro fought back with grim deter-

Yung & Chong Spring A Surprise

C. Y. Yung and K. P. Chong sprang a surprise on their clubmates, D. C. Lau and W. C. Chung, in the Junior Men's Doubles final by winning 17-14, 4-15, 19-18.

Lau and Chung had themselves to blame as they were inclined to take things easy in the deciding set and it was not till they were trailing 12-4 that they shook themselves out of their lethargy and opened up a smashing attack which provided the most thrilling moments of the whole evening and decided the game at 14-14.

Lau & Chung needed one point on their service to win the Junior title but threw their chances away by bad judgment. Yung made no mistake when their service came around.

It was one of the most exciting finals with Chong dominating the back-court while Yung was impassable at the net. Lau and Chung were forced to send up lobs to pass Yung, guardian of the forecourt and Chong dealt with these with vigour and relish.

THE RESULTS

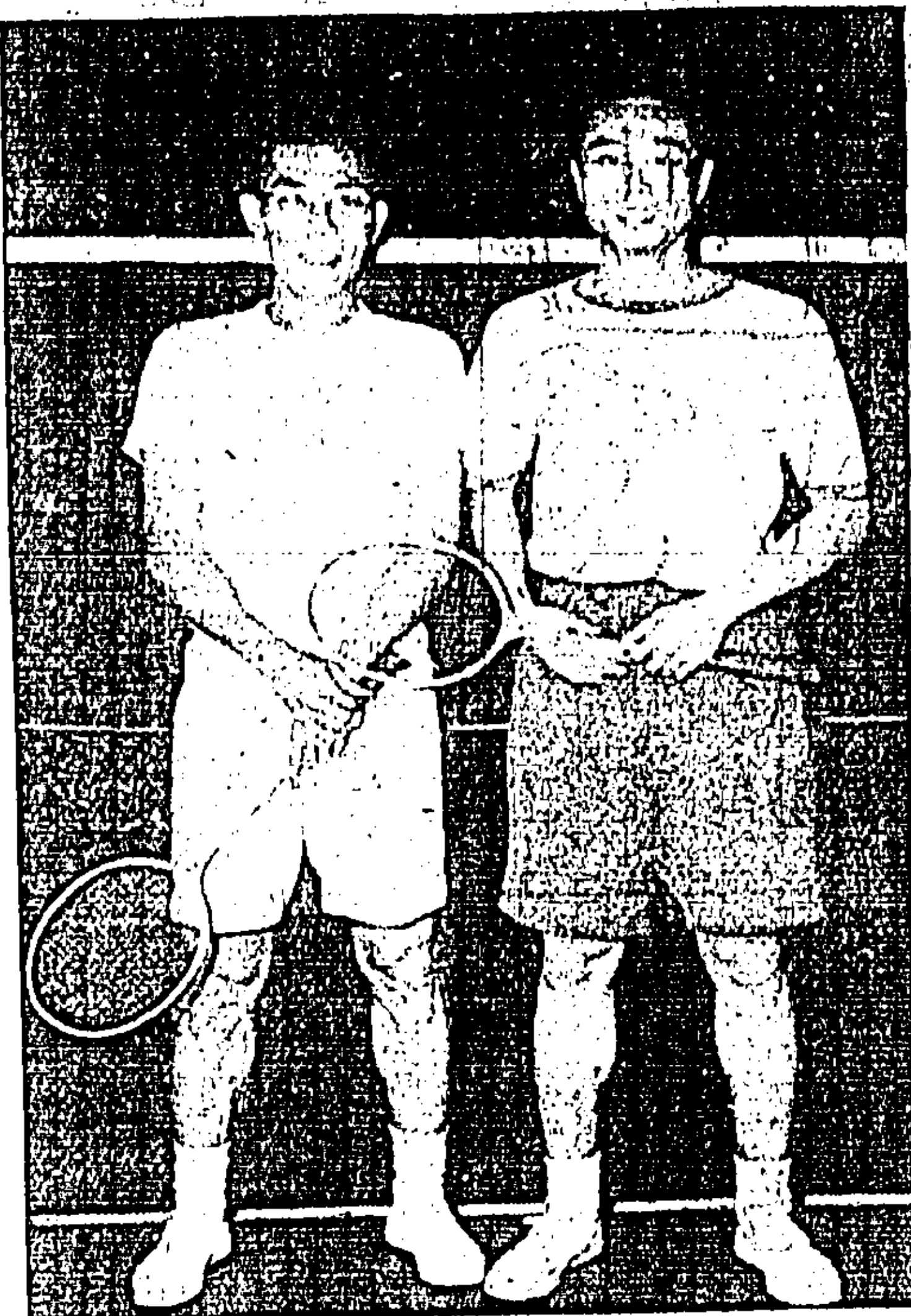
The following are the results of last night's badminton finals played at the Kowloon Cricket Club.

Ladies' Singles: Miss U. Khoo beat Miss M. Ribeiro 11-6, 9-12, 11-3.

Junior Men's Doubles: C. Y. Yung and K. P. Chong beat D. C. Lau and W. C. Chung 17-14, 4-15, 19-18.

Senior Men's Singles: R. Tay lost to C. K. Lee 15-11, 15-7.

SINGLES FINALISTS



Robert Tay (left), winner of the Senior Singles title in the Colony Badminton Championships last year, when he lost in two games to C. K. Lee (right) of the University, who becomes Hongkong's first-ranking badminton player.—Telegraph Staff Photographer.

Rest Team v. IRC Juniors

The following team has been selected to represent Rest of the League against the Second Division Cricket Champions, Indian Recreation Club, at the IRC at 1.45 p.m. on Saturday, April 9.

S.A. Gray (KCC) (Captain), E.A.J. Hancock (KCC), H. Mattheus (KCC), A.E. Noronha (Recreio), E.A.R. Alves (Recreio), A. Osmund (Recreio), C. Hughes (Navy), J. Windmill (Navy), Rees (Army), Stevenson (Army) and Alercraftsman Follett (RAF).

Reserves: D.G. White (KCC) and E. Noise (Navy).

Any player who is unable to play is requested to inform Mr S.A. Gray by telephone (No 26615).

Open Athletics

The South China Athletic Association will hold an open athletic meet at Caroline Hill on May 19, 20 and 22. Entries will be accepted from contestants in Hongkong as well as in other parts, and should be sent to the SCAA Stadium, Caroline Hill, not later than May 5. Outport entries received after that date will be considered valid only if the postmark on the envelope shows that entry forms were sent on or before the closing date.

There will be twenty-five events as follows:

Men's events—100 metres; 200 metres; 400 metres; 800 metres; 1,500 metres; 5,000 metres; 10,000 metres; 20,000 metres; 40,000 metres; 80,000 metres; 100 miles; 150 miles; 200 miles; 250 miles; 300 miles; 350 miles; 400 miles; 450 miles; 500 miles; 550 miles; 600 miles; 650 miles; 700 miles; 750 miles; 800 miles; 850 miles; 900 miles; 950 miles; 1,000 miles.

Women's events—50 metres; 100 metres; 200 metres; 400 metres; 800 metres; 1,500 metres; 5,000 metres; 10,000 metres; 20,000 metres; 40,000 metres; 80,000 metres; 100 miles; 150 miles; 200 miles; 250 miles; 300 miles; 350 miles; 400 miles; 450 miles; 500 miles; 550 miles; 600 miles; 650 miles; 700 miles; 750 miles; 800 miles; 850 miles; 900 miles; 950 miles; 1,000 miles.

"Kiki" Arifon In Trouble

Paris, Apr. 6.—Jean Claude Arifon, French Olympic hurdler who last year set up a European record for the 400 metres hurdles, was sentenced to six months imprisonment and fined 6,000 francs in Paris yesterday for stealing wallets from a Paris Stadium dressing room.

The prison sentence was suspended after Arifon promised to enlist in a French Army airborne unit in Morocco.—Associated Press.

KCC TENNIS

Members of the Kowloon Cricket Club who intend entering for the Spring tennis tournaments are reminded that the entries for these events close at the Clubhouse tomorrow evening at 7 p.m.

In all there will be five Handicap events and so far the entries promise some good competition.

Entry forms may be obtained from the Bar boy, and it is hoped to play off most of the first rounds on Easter Monday. Competitors will be informed, through the Press and by notice on the Club's noticeboard as to when they have to play off their games.

TODAY'S MATCH

The first set of the return exhibition tennis match between Ip Koon-hung and Duong played at Hongkong Cricket Club yesterday was interrupted by rain when Duong, the second Saigon player, was leading by 3-2.

It was announced that yesterday's programme will be played over today from the beginning, weather permitting.

CHESS TOURNEY

Intending competitors in the annual championship of the Kowloon Chess Club are reminded that today is the closing date for entries.

These may be telephoned through to the Hon. Secretary, Mr Arthur Gomes (Tel. 39203) up to 4.30 p.m. or may be submitted at the club up to 6.30 p.m. There are ten entries so far.

Plans For A Country Club

An interesting plan is afoot to form a Hongkong Country Club as a social resort for residents of all nationalities and races. Some prominent residents set up an informal committee in November 1947, and this body is now ready to submit proposals.

The Club is to be at Deep Water Bay and is to include all social facilities as well as tennis and badminton courts, bowling alley and swimming pools.

A meeting is to be held at 7.15 to place before the founders the concrete scheme.

ASSISTANT PROFESSIONALS' TOURNAMENT

Sandwell Park, England, Apr. 6.—Kare Kittelsen of Oslo and A. Devulder of Belgium were among 47 assistant golf professionals who qualified yesterday for the final stages of the assistants' championship on the 9470 yards Sandwell Park course.

With two rounds still to be played, Devulder had an aggregate of 78, 7-140. Kittelsen scored 77, 78-155.

Leader of the field was E. Williamson with 70, 72-142. Harno Karlsson of Stockholm was eliminated with 80, 82-162.—Associated Press.

"SVENCALI" AT HICKLEY

Hickley, Leicester-shire, Apr. 6.—A football team here is to be hypnotised to give the players "the will to win."

A local hypnotist will put the players under his influence, just before their match on Easter Tuesday against a team from Birmingham.—Reuter.

AIRMEN'S "OLYMPICS"

RAF (Hongkong) won the final of the Air Command Far East team tennis championship at Singapore yesterday when it defeated RAF (Solestar) by four matches to two.

In the hockey semi-final played yesterday, the Hongkong team was eliminated 1-0 by RAF (Malaya).

Today, Hongkong will meet Malaya in the semi-final of the shooting championship. It is believed that the RAF Hongkong station, which has won the cricket and tennis finals and will play in the football final on Saturday, is now leading in the ACFE Olympics, but no official point score is available here.

EARLIER

Singapore, Apr. 4.—Hongkong won their way to the finals of two ACFE Olympic events by beating Kuala Lumpur in the semi-finals ties for soccer and tennis at Changi.

At Changi, the Hongkong players dominated play from start to finish in the tennis event, winning all their sets in convincing style. Two of their leading men were W.O. Doyle and L.A.C. Beirne who were particularly impressive in the doubles against W/Cmdr. Wheeler and F/Lt. McGeal, whom they beat in straight sets 6-2, 6-0.

Results (W/O Doyle beat F/Lt. McGeal 6-1, 6-0. Sgt. Hamilton beat W/Cmdr. Wheeler 6-1, 6-1. LAC Beirne beat Cpl. Mitchell 6-1, 6-1. Cpl. Hayhurst beat Nav. 11. Wood 6-1, 6-1.

Doubles: Doyle and Beirne beat Wheeler and McGeal 6-2, 6-0. Hamilton and Hayhurst beat Mitchell and Wood 6-2, 6-0. Although leading one-nil at half-time in their soccer semi-final, Hongkong only settled down in the second session of their game against Kuala Lumpur which they won three-nil.

The RAF (Malaya) team had only themselves to blame for not scoring in the first half, and time and time again, their forwards failed when they came within range of the Hongkong goal, frequently from reasonably good chances.

It was not until the 27th minute, however, that a goal came—and then it was for Hongkong. Centre-forward Studd collected a pass from one of his defenders at the half-way line, turned and then kicked down the left-wing, closely followed by a KL player.

He cut in towards goal, level with the penalty area, and flashed in a fast shot into the left corner of the net.

In the second half, Hongkong improved considerably both in defence and attack, and ten minutes after the resumption, Studd increased his side's lead. Two minutes later, Cross nearly got the third.

Hongkong were really pressing at this stage, and it was not long before Studd completed his "hat-trick," following good work by Stanley.

The teams were: Hongkong: Buttram; Durham; Gray; Butler; Wilson; Townsley; Stanley; Cross; Studd; Better; Caley. (8-3). Kraggan II (8 stone), Solandra (7.12), Yoyo (7.12), Neville Lodge (7.11), Birjilk (7.8), Pascual (7.7), Silpulation (7.6), Marlane (7.4), Lovely Pern (7.4), Timocral (6.12), Henry (7.10).—Reuter.

Acceptors For Great Metropolitan Handicap

London, Apr. 6.—The final acceptors, with weights for the Great Metropolitan Handicap, to be run at Epsom on Tuesday, April 19, number 19. They are: Laurens (8 stone 4), Now or Never (8.13), Uragay (8.11), Lacovetis (8.9), Feder II (8.8), Cresta Cup (8.5), Bangkok (8.4), Better Catch (8.3), Kraggan II (8 stone), Solandra (7.12), Yoyo (7.12), Neville Lodge (7.11), Birjilk (7.8), Pascual (7.7), Silpulation (7.6), Marlane (7.4), Lovely Pern (7.4), Timocral (6.12), Henry (7.10).—Reuter.

Club Elovon

The following will represent the HKFC against Eastern at Caroline Hill on Saturday at 5 p.m.—Cotton; Fowler; Strange; Weller; Forrow; Beck; Barclay; Mullen; Bickford; Kierman, Main.

League Soccer

Navy beat Kwong Wah by three goals to one at Causeway Bay in the only league soccer match that was not washed out by rain yesterday.

HOME FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Portsmouth Are Almost Certain Champions

London, Apr. 6.—Portsmouth, surprisingly defeated in the Cup, are making no mistakes in the League. A brilliant victory tonight at Newcastle over their most dangerous rivals makes Portsmouth almost certain champions.

All five goals were headed by the Portsmouth wingers, Froggatt and Harris. Portsmouth now lead Newcastle by five points and have a match in hand.

The other First Division clubs are practically out of the running.

Manchester United's last hope went with a defeat by Huddersfield Town, who lifted themselves from the bottom of the table.

West Bromwich deposed Fulham from second place in the Second Division, and are now six points behind Southampton with two games in hand.

HULL SLIPS BADLY

Hull slipped badly in their promotion fight in the Northern Section of the Third Division, losing at home to York City, but are level on points with Rotherham United and still have two games in hand.

The Cup finalists, Wolverhampton and Leicester were again hit by injuries. Alf Crook and James Pyle finished on the wings for the Wolves at Liverpool, while Harvey, a reserve, was hurt for Leicester.

The results of soccer and rugby games played tonight were:

First Division	
Huddersfield T.	2 Manchester U.
Liverpool	0 Wolverhampton
Newcastle U.	0 Portsmouth
Second Division	
Norwich	3 Leicester C.
Brentford	0 Fulham
W. Bromwich	0 Leeds U.
Third Division	
(Southern)	
Aldershot	2 Ipswich T.
Southend U.	1 Reading
Swindon T.	1 Third Division
(Northern)	
Hull City	2 York City
Sheff. Wed.	0 Grimsby
British Army	0 Belgian Army
Rugby League	
Cumberland	14 Yorkshire
Bradford	3 Featherstone
Wigan	25 Halifax
Rugby Union	
Devonshire	0 Monmouthshire
Leinster	0 Neath
Aberderry	0 Penarth

British Army Win Against Belgians

London, Apr. 7.—A dazzling display by Goalkeeper Speckert of the Belgian Army held the British Army to a 5-0 win over the Belgians in the Army International game on the Tottenham ground yesterday.—Associated Press.

Fleet Boxing

Mainly due to the absence of several units of the Fleet, there were only two fights on the card at Murray Barracks last evening.

Result were: Middleweight: L/S F. Reeve (Tanner) knocked out S/m in L. Matlock (Belfast) in the first round.

Welterweight: Boy G. Fieldstone (London) beat L/S E. Simpson on points over three rounds.

In the first contest, Reeve was too strong for Matlock and gained a knock-down halfway through the first round. Matlock resumed quickly, but after being floored again by a clean blow, he decided to call it a day.

The second contest was more even, but Boy Fieldstone played good form against his more experienced opponent, and by covering up well when in trouble, and using a straight left to the face to great advantage, he fairly earned the decision.

The final rounds will be fought at the China Fleet Club tonight at 8 p.m.

Woodcock-Tandberg Fight May Be Postponed

Paris, Apr. 6.—The European heavyweight champion, Bruce Woodcock, may be granted his wish to have his fight with Ole Tandberg postponed beyond the legal limit for the defence of the title.

The question has not yet been considered by the European Boxing Union, according to M. Raymond L'Hermoult, secretary of the French Boxing Federation, but he said that as the fight was due for April 20 there was still time to consider the matter.

He confirmed that the European Union had been approached by the British Board of Control for a postponement.—Reuter.

Lee Oma Wins

New York, Apr. 6.—Lee Oma (100½ lb) scored a technical knockout over Agostinho Guedes, of Portugal, after one minute fifty-eight seconds of the eighth round, in a scheduled 10-round bout before a crowd of 7,000 at Memorial Auditorium last night.—United Press.

Sir Stafford Has A Derby "Certainty"

Finance-in-sport figures crowd in on me—the "price-list" for Epsom races, and the pleasant profits to be had from boxing and playing lawn tennis if you are efficient enough to win.

Epsom first. A balcony tier box for nine days of racing this year costs £200 (tax £91 10s.), a grand tier box £160 (tax £73 10s.) and a gallery tier box £130 (tax £60).

Whatever may win the Derby, Sir Stafford Cripps, as Chancellor of the Exchequer, is obviously on a certainty. Reserve stalls cost £8 10s. at the spring meeting (April 19 to 21), from £10 10s. to £14 14s. at the Derby meeting (June 1-4) and £3 10s. at the August meeting (July 30 and August 1).

SOME PRICES DOWN

A numbered gallery seat in the stand—no advance booking—can be had on Derby day for £2 6s. on each other day at the spring and summer meeting for £2 5s.; and at the August meeting for £1 15s.

Only changes from last year are at the August meeting. The reserved stalls are down by £1, the numbered gallery seats by 10s. Admission to Tattersalls and the paddock, however, goes back to 30s. from 25s.

On Derby day Tattersalls' costs £4, and bookmakers pay £8 13s. 6d. extra. Lesser bookmakers, who take a pitch on the downs and collect your modest shillings and half-crowns, pay £3 for a pitch on Derby day and £1 10s. on any other day.

Tax is at the rate of 40 percent on the gross of all stand admissions. Last year the Association paid £20,000 in tax, but still made a record trading profit of £38,975.

£7,000 FOR WOODCOCK

Now for boxing. Big money may still be earned by the big names, though talk of a £10,000 fee to Bruce Woodcock for his Johannesburg win over Johnny Ralph last Saturday was an exaggeration.

Woodcock fought on percentage, with a guarantee that his purse would be made up to "a certain amount." His share, estimates George Whiting, was about £7,000.

Marcel Cerdan took £6,000 for fighting Dick Turpin at Earl's Court tonight. Turpin's wages were £2,000.

£20,000 FOR KRAMER

A for lawn tennis, take the case of Jack Kramer, who last week at Wimbledon beat a fellow Wimbledon champion, Bobby Riggs, pretty easily.

Kramer, obviously is a better player than when he won our championship in 1947. When he and Riggs began to meet as professionals Riggs won ten of his first 25 matches, but he has beaten Kramer only another 15 times in a further 115 meetings.

"The way I figure it," Kramer said, "is that the percentage I can ask on a four depends on the success I can achieve."

Now he is "on" 40 percent to Riggs's 25 percent, and Pancho Segura and Dinny Pall's 17½ percent each—and he has cleared about £20,000 in 15 months.

TALE OF TWO FLAGS

Story told me by Miss Janet Morgan, who has brought home the U.S. squash rackets championship, at a reception to the captain, Mrs. (Susan Noel) Powell, and her side at the Simpson Services Club.

On the eve of the Wolfe-Noel Cup match, in Philadelphia there was much search for a Union Jack to fly with the Stars and Stripes over the clubhouse.

None could be found. The best that could be done was a tiny cross of St. George, alongside an enormous "Old Glory." The teams were much more even than the flags. We only just lost.

PEP AND FAMECHON

There is both reason and justice in the Board of Control ruling that not more than two foreigners may box on any one programme in this country—particularly as special dispensation allows an occasional departure. One such gave us Tony Janiro and Billy Graham of America, and Ray Famechon of France at Harringay recently.

It is also down, however, that the two permitted foreigners must box British opponents—and

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I suggest there is room for differing opinions about this part of the regulations.

For instance, it precludes us seeing what I consider would be one of the finest featherweight fights of all time—Willie Pep, of America, defending his world title against Ray Famechon.

LIVELY ARGUMENT

Before taking his baby-face welterweight, Tony Janiro, back to America, manager Frank Jacobs had a lively argument on rules, weights and such like with Teddy Waltham, the referee who decided that Janiro had been outpointed by British champion Henry Hall. It ended with hand-shakes, and with the following remark from Jacobs:

"I still think you were wrong. Next time, Tony will knock Hall out, and I want you to be there to see it—as referee."

Waltham takes a sardonic view of Janiro's claim, that he was never informed of the British dislike of the habit of grabbing an opponent and turning him on to a punch.

Teddy tells me that, according to his custom, he visited Janiro's dressing room with a Board of Control inspector, before the fight and gave the American a thorough pit-jaw on British rules and regulations. At the end of it, Tony said he was quite satisfied and expressed his thanks.

Parting shot from Waltham: My warnings to Janiro, with the exception of one for throwing, were not for turning his opponent—but for flagrant holding. If ever he meets Ernie Roderick, he'll learn a thing or two about turning "em round."

The Era Of The Player-Manager

By STANLEY MATTHEWS

The success of Raich Carter at Hull has started a new managerial fashion among the League clubs, especially in the Third Division.

The call is now for player-managers. Clubs want men who can take control, coach the players, and give them the benefit of their experience during match play.

They also want men who, through their brilliant reputations, can pull in the crowds and help along the finances.

NEXT star player to take the managerial chair will probably be Peter Doherty. The red-haired Irishman, who has done so much for Huddersfield Town as player and captain, has decided that this will be his last season.

He is not, however, giving up playing, and may take over the player-managership of a Second or Third Division club at the end of this term.

"I have had offers from many clubs, including Bristol City, Wrexham, and Tranmere Rovers," Peter told me recently, "but I owe allegiance to Huddersfield. They have been good to me, and I cannot leave them until they are safe from relegation fears."

"But I should like to take up a managerial post, and I am considering the offers I have received. I shall probably stay with Town until the end of the season and then move on."

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Judgment For Bank Of England

Not To Surrender Gold Bars

London, Apr. 6.—Justice Jenkins ruled in the Chancery Court today that the Court had no jurisdiction in a French company's action against the Bank of England, claiming the delivery of 64 bars of gold looted by the Germans during the war. He held that the gold was in the possession and under the control of the Governments of the United States, France and Britain.

The French Government the *Dollfus Mieg Et Compagnie S.A.*, claimed alternatively that the Bank be ordered not to part with the gold except under the company's direction.

Today's judgment was given on an application by the Bank of England to stop the French company's action on the ground that the gold was in the possession and under the control of the three Governments. Of these, the United States and France declined to submit to the Court's jurisdiction.

COUNSEL'S CLAIM

In his judgment, Justice Jenkins also ordered all further proceedings in the case to be halted and directed that the French company pay the Bank's costs.

At an earlier session of the Court, it was stated that the Germans removed the gold from Limoges at a time when that city was in the unoccupied zone of France. Counsel for the French company said the gold had been "purged and simply looted by the Nazis."

The Bank's case was that the gold was deposited with the Bank of England for subsequent distribution under an agreement between the three governments. The French Government had asked the Bank to set the gold aside as the company had requested its return. The French Government's intention was to ask that the bars be included in the allocation to France under the Allied agreement so that the Government might deal with the French company as it thought fit.

The Bank agreed provided that it received instructions to ship the bars to France. The Bank had not yet received such instructions and therefore continued to hold the gold bars.—*Reuter.*

Washington, Apr. 6.—The operational chiefs of America's three Armed Services will confer this week and the next with General Dwight D. Eisenhower, the temporary Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, at Key West, Florida.—*Reuter.*

Greater Control Sought By U.S.

Washington, Apr. 6.—Mr. Ernest Bevin and M. Robert Schuman, the British and French Foreign Ministers, discussed German and related problems again today with Mr. Dean Acheson, the U.S. Secretary of State. These conversations, begun when the Foreign Ministers arrived in Washington before the signing of the Atlantic Pact, are expected to continue for the next two days.

The Ministers were reported to have discussed a plan to give the future West German Government greater responsibility than originally intended. London reports from German sources said the plan, drawn up after three and a half months' negotiations by representatives of the three countries, may also give greater control to the United States Government, which would be the chief source of financial aid to Western Germany.

The new scheme is believed to be of United States origin, aimed at presenting West Germany with a greatly simplified document.

CONSTITUTION PROBLEM

Diplomatic observers in Washington forecast that the Foreign Ministers' talks on Western Germany might continue another week if Mr. Bevin agrees to postpone his departure from the United States. A British Foreign Office spokesman said, however, that the plan for Mr. Bevin to sail for Britain on Friday still stands, as urgent business awaits the Foreign Secretary in London.

The three Foreign Ministers in Washington have to reach a decision not only on the reported new draft, but also on the interlocking problems of the basic law, or Constitution, now being drawn up by the German Parliamentary Assembly in Bonn, and a new tripartite control system for West Germany.

A final decision has also to be taken on the setting up of an international Ruhr Authority, envisaged by the six-power London Conference last June. Observers in London believe that all these questions may be considered as part of the overall problem of the future political and economic development of West Germany, and that on this basis the three Foreign Ministers may reach an overall compromise.

The main lines of their agreement might then be reached within the next few days.—*Reuter.*

Jet Fighters For India

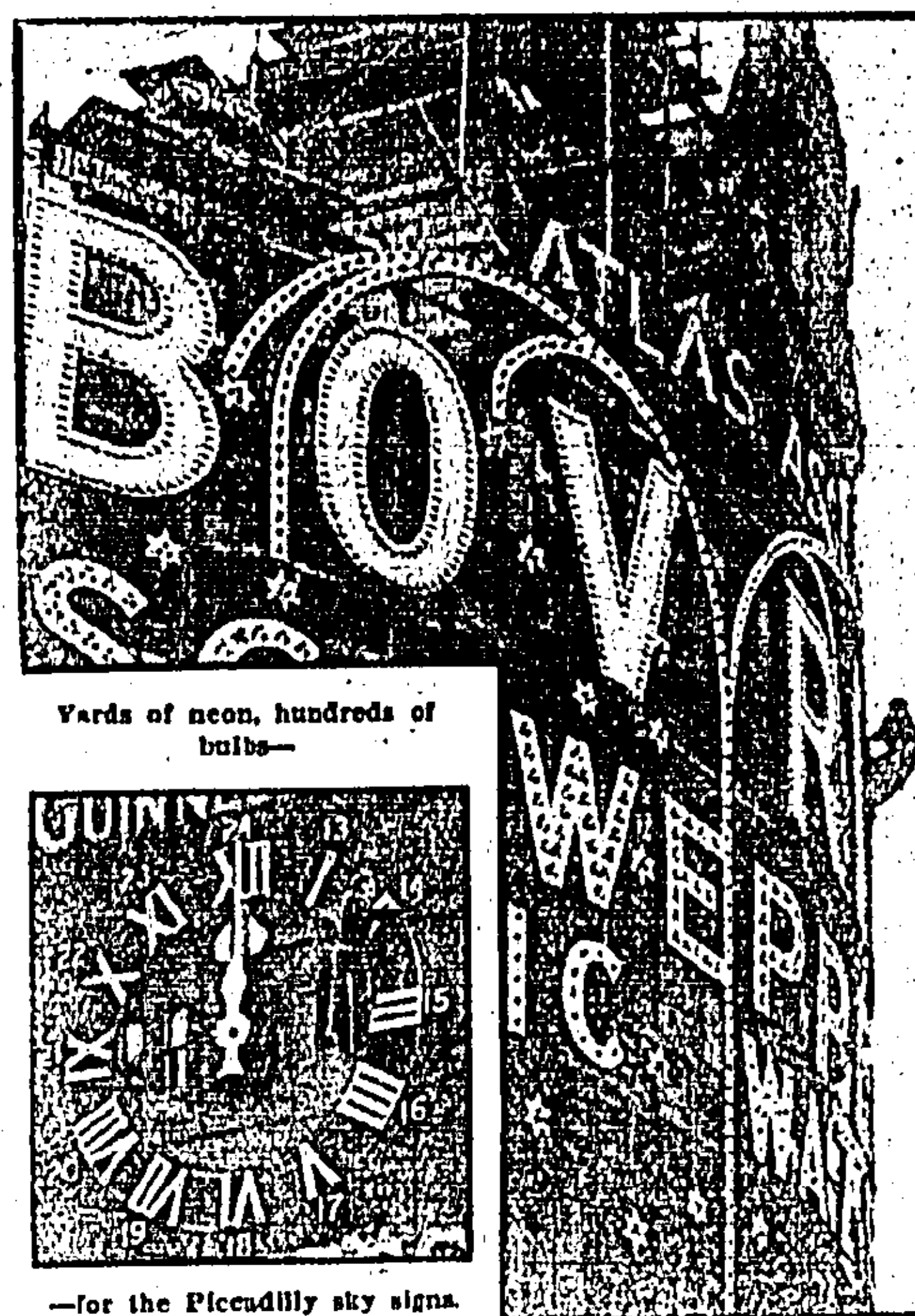
London, Apr. 6.—The Royal Indian Air Force will soon have the Vampire jet fighters. The De Havilland Company, the manufacturer of the Vampire, and a company spokesman said tonight: "We will fulfil our contract with the Indian Government to supply three Vampires immediately about a couple of months ago," he added.

"The others are not due for delivery yet, but the exact quantity ordered by the Indian Government will be ready on time."

The company has received a letter from the Office of the Chief of Staff of the Royal Indian Air Force which states: "The Indian service trials for the three Vampires delivered have been extremely successful. 'Serviceability during the whole time has been remarkably high and routine servicing has been extremely simple. It can be stated that normal servicing work has been on the low side when compared with other types of aircraft.'"—*Reuter.*

The Lights Go On Again

Last Saturday the lights of London came on again, after 10 long years. Piccadilly, the "Great White Way" of London, was restored to its pre-war night glamour, and thousands cheered. These pictures show workmen preparing some of the colourful signs in Piccadilly Circus just before the "lights on" signal was given.—*London Express Service.*



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Russian Designs On Iran

U.S. STATE DEPT. CONCERNED

Washington, Apr. 6.—The State Department today expressed frank concern over evidence of mounting Soviet military and propaganda pressure on Iran.

The Department spokesman, Mr. Michael McDermott, confirming reports of a border incident on the Azerbaijan frontier on March 31, said it was one of half a dozen such clashes in the past few months.

Other high officials said that these incidents might be the result of trigger-happy patrols, it was possible they represented the calculated Soviet purpose of "either intensifying the war of nerves on Iran or probing the frontier with a view to possible future infiltration by traitorous Azerbaijanis or Kurds who fled to Russia after the downfall of the Soviet puppet Azerbaijan government in 1946."

SOVIET ACCUSATIONS

Mr. McDermott said Persian language broadcasts by Russian "continue to accuse the United States of sinister designs in Iran."

American propaganda analysts disclosed that Soviet broadcasts to Iran in the last week of March took the line: "The threat of war has arisen from the formation of the Atlantic Pact and the inclusion of Iran in the Anglo-American aggressive bloc."

The analysts said clandestine "Azerbaijani underground" elements broadcasting from inside Russia stated: "In case war breaks out, Russia will soon occupy Azerbaijan, which in turn will rise and fight against America."—*United Press.*

Amnesty For Ex-Nazis

Berlin, Apr. 6.—A sweeping political amnesty for youths, old and disabled people, and other categories of former Nazis in the city who were due to appear before denazification panels, was announced by the three-power Kommandatura today.

The British, French and American order to the City Magistrate means that a large number of former Nazis in Berlin will be able to exchange their endorsed identity cards for ordinary documents. But former Nazis who have specific charges against them will still be tried in the normal way, although they are in the categories cleared by the amnesty.

Placing the implementation of the amnesty on the Magistrate, the announcement included the names of the Nazi Party who joined after May 1, 1937, and candidates for membership, people under 30 years of age or over 65, and those 10 percent disabled. Also included are members of Hitler's youth organisations, men compulsorily transferred to the Storm Troopers without an increase of rank, former students at the Adolf Hitler schools and political education institutions and their parents, career officers under the rank of colonel and members of the Nazi Women's Federation.—*Reuter.*

IZVESTIA ATTACKS FINLAND

Moscow, Apr. 6.—The Government organ, *Izvestia*, today accused Finland of violating the pact of friendship, collaboration and mutual assistance signed a year ago.

An anniversary comment by the *Izvestia* renewed a series of attacks on Finland by the Soviet organ. Attacks have been made periodically since the Finnish elections last year, in which the Communists lost ground.

The alleged treaty violations by Finland as listed in an *Izvestia* editorial included the resumption of illegal activity of disbanded pro-Fascist and militarised organisations, disguised as rifle and other societies, reduction of prison terms of war criminals and organisers of criminal war conspiracy and anti-Democratic, anti-Soviet propaganda.

It said, "Political adventurers and members of disbanded pro-Fascist organisations are still dreaming of a return to hold the notorious, unpopular policy of dark adventures. They try to utilise the survival of distrust between Soviet and Finnish peoples. These sinister forces of Finnish reaction are trying to reactivate and find support among the American warmongers and their partisans in Finland's responsible quarters. They do not hesitate to betray Finland's national interests."

"The handwork of these dark forces and their dark labour is doomed to collapse. The democratic forces favouring peace and friendship with the Soviet Union will grow daily. There is a great understanding among the Finnish people that unqualified observance of the

Printers Strike

Washington, Apr. 6.—Washington was without newspapers today because of a surprise strike by some of the printing staffs. Radio stations altered their programmes to include more news bulletins.—*Reuter.*

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Forty Eighth Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders will be held in the Jacobean Room of the Hongkong Hotel, Pedder Street, Hongkong, on Saturday, the 23rd April, 1949, at Noon, for the following purposes, namely, to consider the annual statement of accounts and the balance sheet, and the reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon, to elect Directors and Auditors in the place of those retiring, to declare a dividend and bonus, to appropriate the balance of Profit and Loss Account as recommended by the Directors, and to transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

AND NOTICE is also given that the Share Transfer Registers will be closed from 14th April, 1949 to 23rd April, 1949, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board,

R. A. WICKERSON,

Managing Director.

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Will Deal With Health Problems On A World Basis

Brussels, Apr. 6.—The representatives of 50 international non-governmental health organisations, meeting here, have agreed to create a Permanent Council which, for the first time in history, will co-ordinate Medical Science Congresses on a worldwide basis.

Meeting under the joint sponsorship of the World Health Organisation and the United Nations Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organisation, the delegates agreed unanimously on this important step towards closer international co-operation in the scientific and medical field.

The seat of the Council will be in Belgium, either at Brussels or Louvain. Tomorrow the delegates are expected to elect Professor Jean Maisin, leading Belgian member of the International Union Against Cancer, as the Council's Executive Secretary.

The Council's statutes have been agreed upon. Dr David Katz, the Belgian member on Psychology, said today: "The delegates gathered here in Brussels represent organisations which cover the five continents and practically every country of the world."

"Their membership runs across national borders and transcends any particular special, political or economic system. They came here simply to serve a cause which is eminently international, namely, the alleviation of the suffering of mankind."

NURSES RECOGNISED
Dr William Binne, of The Netherlands, an official of the World Health Organisation and a Far Eastern expert, stressed the important step that had been taken in inviting to the present Congress a delegate representing the International Nurses Council. The Nurses Council will be represented on the Permanent Council.

"This is of extreme importance to the Far East, where nurses are called upon to play a most important part in the treatment of patients than in Europe," he said.

The newly-formed Council will facilitate the travel of delegates to International Congresses. "The aim will be to hold a Congress concerned with any particular illness or series of illnesses in the area where such an illness is more rampant," he added.—*Reuter.*

Siam Losing Her Elephants

Bangkok, Apr. 6.—The elephant is vanishing in Siam. Fearing gradual extinction of the mammoth animal, the government is planning to impose restrictions on the export of live elephants from Siam. The maximum number shipped is to be limited to two at one time and only public zoos will receive permits. Since the end of the war about 60 elephants have left the country. Recent statistics showed 6,919 elephants in captivity in Siam. Five years ago they numbered 11,546.—*Associated Press.*

Nepal Seeks To Join UN

Lake Success, Apr. 6.—The application of Nepal for admission to membership of the United Nations will come before the Security Council on Friday, it was announced today. The Soviet Union, it is believed, will oppose the admission on the same principle as it opposed Ceylon, namely, that it is not convinced that Nepal is an independent sovereign State.

Nepal originally applied for United Nations membership on February 13. The application was referred back to Nepal's Director-General of Foreign Affairs, Major General Bijaya Shamsher, on the grounds that he had omitted to include in it a formal declaration of the obligations contained in the United Nations Charter.

General Bijaya formally submitted this obligation to Mr Trygve Lie, the Secretary General, on March 1.—*Reuter.*

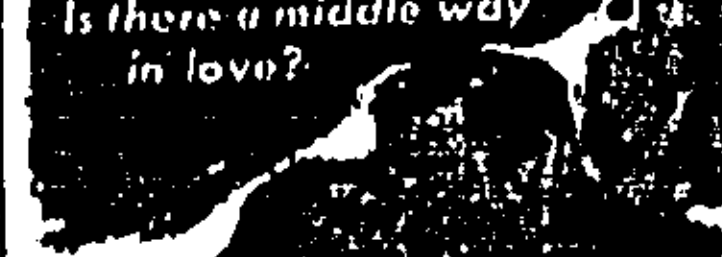


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